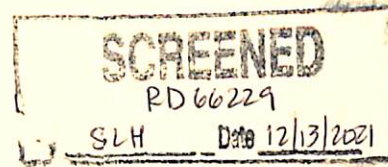


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TO : SAC (157-)

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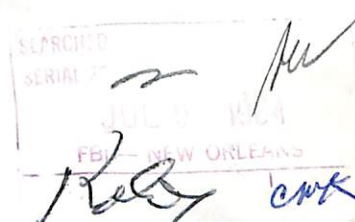
FROM : SA CHARLES M. KOKES

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BILL RUSSELL, BOSTON CELTICS,
TO JACKSON, MISS., 7/9/64

RM

The NAACP has mass meeting every Tuesday and Thursday night. Tonight they are having mass meeting as usual at 7:30 PM at the Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 1025 Ridgeway Street, Jackson. This place has capacity of about 300 persons. Usually have 200-300 person crowd. BILL RUSSELL going to be guest speaker. PATRICIA BELL, Secretary to CHARLES EVERS, said MARVIN GILMORE, chairman of Life Membership Committee of Boston Chapter of NAACP, coming in with RUSSELL, probably will give opening address. CHARLES EVERS also flying in with them at 12:20 PM today, according to Miss BELL.

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FBI BOSTON

2-36 AM URGENT 7-9-64 RDO

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM BOSTON

TRAVEL OF BILL RUSSELL, BOSTON CELTICS, TO JACKSON, MISS.,
SEVEN NINE SIXTYFOUR. RM.

THOMAS ADKINS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF BOSTON CHAPTER OF NAACP,
ADVISED ONE A.M., INSTANT THAT BILL RUSSELL, NEGROE, PROFESSIONAL
BASKETBALL STAR, WORLD CHAMPION BOSTON CELTIC, LEAGUE'S MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER, LEAVING BOSTON WITH MARVIN GILMORE, CHAIRMAN OF LIFE MEMBER-
SHIP COMMITTEE BOSTON CHAPTER OF NAACP, ON EAL FLIGHT THREE ONE ONE
AT SEVEN TWENTYFIVE A.M., SEVEN NINE SIXTYFOUR, ARV. ATLANTA TENZERO
EIGHTAM WHERE HE WILL TAKE DELTA FLIGHT NO FOUR ZERO THREE LV. ATLANTA
ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE AM AND ARRIVE IN JACKSON, MISS. AT ONE ZERO THREE
P.M., WHERE THEY WILL APPEAR IN JACKSON ON BEHALF OF NAACP AND CIVIL
RIGHTS FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR DAYS.

RUSSELL TO APPEAR AT MASS CIVIL RIGHTS RALLY IN JACKSON INSTANT.

THEREAFTER WILL CONDUCT BASKETBALL CLINICS FOR NEGROES AND WHITE YOUTHS
IN JACKSON, MISS. AREA.

ATKINS ADVISED HE WAS NOTIFYING FBI AS HE WAS CONCERNED FOR RUSSELL'S
SAFETY AND HAD NO CONFIDENCE IN LOCAL POLICE.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS

TRAVEL OF BILL RUSSELL, BOSTON CELTICS, TO JACKSON, MISS.,
SEVEN NINE SIXTYFOUR. RM.

RE BOSTON TEL JULY NINE, SIXTYFOUR.

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ADDRESS. ACCORDING TO MISS BELL, CHARLES EVERS IS ALSO FLYING
WITH MR. RUSSELL AND MR. GILMORE TO JACKSON.

MHSP, LOCAL POLICE AND SHERIFF/S OFFICE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR AND BOSTON

FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-2299/ 1P

TRAVEL TO BILL RUSSELL, BOSTON CELTICS TO JACKSON, MISS.

JULY NINE LAST, RM.

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS JULY NINE LAST.

ON JULY NINE LAST BILL LIGHT, COMMUNICATIONS STAFF, COFO HEADQUARTERS, TEN SEVENTEEN LYNCH STREET, JACKSON, MISS. ADVISED ERIC MORTON, SNCC, SAME ADDRESS, STATED BILL RUSSELL WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT CIVIL RIGHTS MEETING CADE CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TEN TWENTY FIVE RIDGEWAY STREET, JACKSON, MISS. WHICH MEETING ENDED TEN THIRTY PM JULY NINE LAST. MORTON REPORTED NO INCIDENTS. STATED RUSSELL READY TO LEAVE JACKSON SOON. MORTON ADVISED RUSSELL STATED TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE QUOTE I/LL BE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT IF NOT IN BODY UNQUOTE. ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND BOSTON.

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FBI BOSTON

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URGENT 7-10-64 FMM

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM: BOSTON (157-NEW)

CHANGED TRAVEL OF WILLIAM RUSSELL, AKA BILL RUSSELL, BOSTON
CELTICS TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, SEVEN NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, RM.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO INCLUDE RUSSELL'S NAME OF WILLIAM.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE JULY EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ENTITLED MISSISS-
IPPI SUMMER PROJECT, RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, RM AND RE
BOSTON TELETYPE DATED JULY NINE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR CONCERNING CAPTION-
ED MATTER. ARTICLE IN BOSTON "GLOBE," DAILY NEWSPAPER JULY NINE
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, MENTIONED THAT RUSSELL WAS FLYING TO JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI MORNING OF JULY NINE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. HE WILL CONDUCT
INTEGRATED BASKETBALL CLINICS DURING HIS FOUR DAY TOUR THROUGH JACKSON,
CANTON, MERIDIAN AND CLARKSDALE AS PART OF NAACP'S QUOTE OPERATION
MISSISSIPPI UNQUOTE.

RUSSELL GOING TO MISSISSIPPI AT REQUEST OF CHARLES EVERS
OF JACKSON BRANCH OF NAACP. ACCORDING TO RUSSELL HE INTENDS TO TAKE
PART IN RALLIES AND PARTICIPATE IN DEMONSTRATIONS IF ASKED TO BY EVERS
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RUSSELL, A NEGRO, AGE THIRTY, BORN FEBRUARY THIRTEEN NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR, MONROE, LOUISIANA, SIX FEET NINE AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN POUNDS WIFE ROSE RUSSELL, RESIDENCE ONE THREE SIX ONE MAIN STREET, READING, MASSACHUSETTS.

RUSSELL MENTIONED IN REPORT OF SA ROY J. MC DONALD DATED NOVEMBER SIX NINETEEN FIFTY NINE ENTITLED QUOTE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA MR. X; WILLIAM RUSSELL- VICTIM UNQUOTE.

NO INDICATION RUSSELL PARTICIPATING IN MISSISSIPPI SUMMER PROJECT AS SUCH AND CASE BEING CARRIED UNDER CAPTIONED TITLE. BUREAU, NEW ORLEANS, AND MEMPHIS WILL BE NOTIFIED UPON RECEIPT OF ANY FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-

DATE: 7/9/64

FROM : SA CHARLES M. KOKES

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BILL RUSSELL,
BOSTON CELTICS TO
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
July 9, 1964

RM

Re Boston teletype to Bureau et al 7/9/64

On 7/9/64, at 8:34 AM, information in referenced teletype was furnished to M. B. PIERCE (NA), Assistant Chief of Police, Jackson, Mississippi Police Department and to Col. T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner of Public Safety, Mississippi State, and Chief of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, at 8:45 AM. and Hinds County Sheriff, FRED N. PICKETT at 10:02 AM.

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On 7/9/64, SA KOKES contacted Miss PATRICIA BELL, Secretary to Mr. CHARLES EVERS, State Field Secretary, NAACP, who advised that the NAACP regularly holds mass meetings every thurs~~day~~ and tuesday nights at 7:30 PM. On this thursday night meeting, 7/9 /64, inasmuch as BILL RUSSELL will be in Jackson, Miss. he will be the guest speaker at the mass meeting.

Miss BELL said that the mass meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at 1025 Ridgeway Street, Jackson, Miss. The capacity of this church is about 300 persons and is usually packed for these mass meetings.

Miss BELL advised that she believed that Mr. MARVIN GILMORE, Chairman, Life Membership Committee, Boston Chapter, NAACP, who will accompany Mr. RUSSELL, will be at the meeting and will give the opening address.

Miss. BELL had no information about where Mr. RUSSELL and Mr. GILMORE will stay while in Jackson, Miss.

Assistant Chief M. B. PIERCE, advised that he had obtained information that BILL RUSSELL had reservations at the Hotel Heidelberg .

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MOORE

DATE: 7/9/64

FROM : SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BILL RUSSELL, Boston
Celtics to Jackson, Miss 7/9/64.
RM

ASAC SYLVESTER requested that following teletype from ~~Bureau~~

Boston to Bureau and New Orleans, received 2:36AM on 7/9/64 be called to your attention:

"Thomas Adkins, Executive Secretary of Boston Chapter of NAACP advised 1AM instant that BILL RUSSELL, Negro Pro basketball star of the World Champion Boston Celtics, league's most valuable player, was leaving Boston with Marvin Gilmore, Chairman of the ~~Boston~~ ~~Chapter~~ Life Membership Committee of the Boston Chapter, NAACP on EAL Flight 311 at 7:25AM 7/9/64 and would arrive at Atlanta 10:08AM where they will take Delta AL Flight #403 leaving 11:25AM from Atlanta and arriving at Jackson, Miss at 1:03PM where they will appear in Jackson on behalf of NAACP and Civil Rights for period of four days. RUSSELL is to appear at mass CR rally in Jackson instant. Thereafter will conduct basketball clinics for negroes and white youths in the Jackson Mississippi area. ADKINS advised he was notifying the FBI as he was concerned for RUSSELL's safety and had no confidence in local police. NO notify appropriate local authorities."

On 7/9/64 SA CHARLES KOKES notified Asst Chief of Police M.B. PIERCE, Jackson, Miss PD, Col T.B. Birdsong, MHSP and Hinds County SO.

SA KOKES also through Patricia Bell, Secretary to Charles Evers, State Field Secretary, NAACP advised that the meeting referred to above would be held at 7:30PM at Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at 1025 Ridgeway St., Jackson, Mississippi.

This is for your information.

It was subsequently determined from M. B. PIERCE, Ass't C.O.P, Jax, PD that BILL RUSSELL has reservations at the Hotel Heidelberg.

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TO : SAC, New Orleans (157-2465) (Closed status)

DATE: July 27, 1964

FROM : SA Charles M. Kokes

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BILL RUSSELL, BOSTON CELTICS,
TO JACKSON, MISS., 7/9/64
RM

Recommended that this matter be closed in view of the fact that captioned individual has completed his trip to Jackson, Mississippi and left the state.

M. B. Pierce (NA), Assistant Chief of Police, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department advised on 7-16-64 that Russell spent four days in the Jackson, Mississippi vicinity without incident.

It is noted that the only action required by the New Orleans Division in this matter was to advise local authorities of the presence of Russell in order that they could take appropriate action. This was accomplished and reported to Bureau and Boston by teletypes. It is further noted that the Boston Office which furnished all information as to the planned trip of Russell, gave no indication of furnishing this information to the Bureau in the form of letter head memorandum. Boston and New Orleans both advised the Bureau of developments by teletypes. Inasmuch as the Bureau has been advised of developments plus the fact that New Orleans had only to notify local authorities there is no reason to submit a letter head memorandum to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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DATE: 7/24/64

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: *H. G.* SAC, NEW ORLEANS

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BILL RUSSELL, Boston
Celtics to Jackson, Miss.
7/9/64
RM

BUFILE NO.:
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Due to the opening of the Jackson Office, the following changes in the above case have been made;

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